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| In re Application of: STONICK ET AL. |) |
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| Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR EMBEDDING A SUB-CHANNEL IN A BLOCK CODED DATA STREAM |) |

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-referenced application, kindly amend the application as follows: